

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, September 28, 2017

## Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** *Chairman Mike Lawlor*, Under Secretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM; *Gary Roberge*, CSSD Judge Carroll, Judicial Branch; *Kevin Kane*, Chief State's Attorney, *Chris Rapillo*, Public Defenders Office, *Scott DeVico*, DESPP, and *Dr. Norko*, DMHAS, *Karen Jarmoc*, CCADV, *Laura Cordes*, Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence, *Karl Lewis*, DOC, *Vilmaris Dias*, BOPP, *Rick Healey*, Public Member, *Natasha Pierre*, Office of the Victim Advocate

### I. Introductions

Members from the commission introduced themselves.

This meeting was broadcast on CT-N. <http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/ctnplayer.asp?odID=14596>

### II. Welcome and Policy Updates

- a. The Monthly Indicators Report can be found on the OPM website: [http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/monthlyindicators/monthlyindicatorsreport\\_september\\_2017.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/monthlyindicators/monthlyindicatorsreport_september_2017.pdf)
- b. No meetings were held in July or August
- c. CJIS has a new Executive Director, after an extensive interview process
- d. There is still no state budget

### III. Approval of Minutes from June 2017.

Minor edit was noted and are reflected in the June minutes.

### IV Commission Correspondence

No Commission Correspondence

### VI. Presentations

- a. Ken Barone-IMRP, Briefing on the 2016 Electronic Defense Weapon Report
- b. Mike Lawlor, Kyle Baudoin and Ivan Kuzyk-OPM, Trends in the Criminal Justice System

### VII. Agency Updates

**DMHAS** – no updates

**Victim Services** – no updates

**States Attorney's Office** – Due to the Signer Foundation Grant the screening and intake process now has hired a per diem prosecutor and a social worker coordinator to look at some cases in advance and move to various places as needed. They are able to connect the prosecutor office with service providers prior to arraignment, great coordination with defense bar to discuss cases before standing in front of the judge. They have high hopes for this to have a big impact on the courts, pilot programs are in place in the cities of New Haven, New London, Norwich and Hartford. They are trying to find private grants for those pilot programs.

**CSSD** – CSSD is working on writing an MOU with DOC to start taking referrals from their parole clients in the community to the domestic violence programs in the state, to help with continuity of services. CSSD is working on pilots for the treatment pathways programs, which is currently run out of Bridgeport, and now operationalized out of Torrington starting this past month. After 4-5 years of work, CSSD put into production their case management system II and things are going well with that.

**Judicial Branch** – Gary Roberge was selected as the new Executive Director of CSSD after an extensive interview process. The Judicial Branch is making contingency plans for the budget crisis, including consolidation of dockets, closing of court houses, and provided language for the legislature to give the judicial branch more flexibility in drawing venue lines across the state, needed due to the shrinking workforce and lack of resources.

**Board of Pardons and Paroles** – They are at a 48% grant rate. The hearing up 13% from the previous year.

**Department of Correction** – DOC is looking into why the women’s population has not declined like the male population. There are several working groups looking into this issue. The statewide recidivism reduction grant transforms the way the parole staff interacts with offenders.

**CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence** – They have moved into a crisis situation and are now behind on payments, and uncertain if able to release federal funds due to lack of state match. Ended the fiscal year with a 25% increase of number of survivors served. Over the summer, they did work on the Special Committee on Sex Offenders, put forward recommendations in a draft report before the full special committee on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Defender Office** – New Deputy Chief Public Defender appointed-Attorney John Day.

**DESPP**- CSP Responded to 198 Narcan calls, in all troops. The lethality assessments included 2,353 screens, 1,141 deemed to be high danger and 1,068 spoke to a hotline worker. On Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 37 recruits from 21 municipal law enforcement agencies graduated from POST. Now in the height of hurricane season – download the states emergency preparedness app – CT Prepares. It is free and available on Apple iTunes or the Google Play store. The app has information you need before, during and after a storm. Over 17,000 people have downloaded the app already. DESPP is continuing to monitor requests for assistance from Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico due to the recent natural disasters. For people watching on CTN the best way to hel is with monetary donations to trusted charitable organizations such as Red Cross, Salvation Army or AmeriCares. Drug drop boxes are available at all state police troop lobbies 24/7. It is completely anonymous.

## **VI. Subcommittee Updates**

**PJOR** – no update

**Behavioral health** – no update

**Victim issues** – no update

## **VIII. Public Comment**

No public Comment

## **IX. Adjournment**

Mike Lawlor adjourned the meeting.